war against Christendom, and the letters which she sent the Turk published, but falsified and corrupted many things being added A letter is now sent to the Emperor very strongly denying these calumnies and showing how by the Turk's own confession her Majesty did make peace between him and the King of Poland This letter also setteth forth the insatiable desire for conquest of the King of Spam, and the troubles which he stirreth up in France and in Scotland

i$tb Aprtl THE QUEEN'S DIRECTIONS TO SIR JOHN MORRIS

Some days since Sir John Norns wrote showing what inconveniences would follow if his troops were withdrawn and to ask for absolute directions whether to stay or return The Queen now answereth that his doubts appear strange, for she could not have written more plainly or directly to him than she had done, for she had first assured him that not one man would be sent if the King had not in those parts such settled troops as might make head against the enemy, she had also commanded him to take special care not to be so engaged by any siege as to be driven either dishonourably to quit the place, or else to plunge her into the necessity of relieving him , being an action of more charge and hazard than for the town of Pempole or Brehat she meant to be put Yet if he were not likely to be pressed by the forces of the enemy he might remain a short time , but in referring anything to his judgment as General, it ought not to be used as a reason to complain of want of plain direction , unless he preferred her either to judge certainly of things there which time and distance must make uncertain, or else to leave him no more reputation of his opinion than as a cipher that could judge

of nothing

However understanding his apprehension of the dangers the country will take from his sudden return, she is now content that he shall stay for a short time if he find the enemy retired from him, or can have such intelligence of his approach as not to be overtaken with a siege If not, he is commanded to retreat to the Islands with the ships already provided.

i6tb April THE LIBELS AGAINST STRANGERS

A certain man hath been arrested on suspicion of being the author of a libel against strangers He is to be very strictly